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Labor and Public Employees Committee

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My name is Sandra Mitchell-Wilson and I own and operate the Little Feet Center in New Haven and I am writing in support of S.B. 352. I have been a provider for over 20 years and I've worked in various schools (Board of Education). My family child care business is based on a belief in performance, concern, communication and value of my childcare. My childcare developmental program includes: supporting children and family bonds, providing quality childcare, and appropriate welcoming for all children. In order to make sure that I am keeping up with the demands of my job, I have acquired an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education, CPR and First Aide Training. My goals include caring for children, providing a safe and caring place for them and their families, and assisting when challenges and crisis occur. I love what I do despite the fact that it can be both time and energy consuming. Care4Kids does not fully recognize the work that we do and that we need to be treated with respect as we are professionals – collective bargaining will be able to address this. It will make it easier for us providers to do our work, and also ensure our voices will be heard.

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